Government does not host such sports events. However, as per information received from the Amateur Athletic Federation of India (AAFI), the International Association of Athletic Federations (IAAF) has allotted the World Half Marathon 2004 to AAFI and it will be hosted in Delhi after getting the approval of the Government. Approximately 200 marathoners (Men & Women) are likely to participate in this event from all over the World.

Supporting Hockey Team for Olympic Medal

1482. SHRI G.K. VASAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to consolidate on the recent success of the Indian hockey team; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to support the team in its quest for an Olympic medal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) It is. primarily, the responsibility of the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) to take steps and make plans for promotion of the game of Hockey. The Sahara Group of Companies have agreed to sponsor the Indian hockey team till the Athens Olympic Games-2004. Apart from this, the Government is extending assistance towards foreign exposure, training/coaching of team, scientific support, nutritious diet etc. as admissible under its various schemes, as per requirement.

Assistance to Assam

1483. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial grants extended to Assam for youth affairs and sports during the last three years; year-wise; and

(b) the details of financial assistance proposed to be provided for the same during the current budget?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) The details of

financial grants extended to Assam during the last three years under the following schemes:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the scheme	Year	Grants extended
Grants for Creation of Sports	2000-01	25.305
Infrastructure	2001 -02	50.00
	2002-03	73.50
Promotion of Sports and Games in	2000-01	13.50
Schools	2001-02	13.50
	2002-03	—
Financial Assistance for Promotion of	2000-01	3.92
Youth Activities and Training	2001-02	1.66
	2002-03	23.29
Promotion of National Integration	2000-01	2.61
	2001-02	3.02
	2002-03	16.39
Promotion of Adventure Activities	2000-01	5.07
	2001-02	0.02
	2002-03	—

(b) No State-wise allocations are made under any scheme of this Ministry. Depending upon the receipt of viable proposals from the State Government and NGOs, admissible financial assistance is provided. During the current financial year, Rs. 7.00 lakhs has so far been released to the Govt. of Assam under the Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure.

SAI Infrastructure in Jharkhand

1484. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sports Authority of India has set up full-fledged infrastructure in Jharkhand for promotion of sports and games and also to provide appropriate training facilities for promotion of athletes in the State;